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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Pamela Nicole Parton, 2000
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Pam Parton is one such exceptional student who recently was named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Pamela has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Parton has earned an exemplary grade point average while actively participating in the Interact Club, the Math Club, the Art Club, the Junior Classical League, the DECA Club, the Business Professionals of America, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Pam has rendered astute service as a member of the Student Council and Leadership Development, in addition to serving as a secretary of the Junior Classical League, and as an Interact Club officer; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her academic excellence, Pam Parton was inducted into the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and the U.S. Achievement Academy; was listed among *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; was named an All-American Scholar; and received the U.S. Leadership and Service Award, the U.S. National Mathematics Award, and the Biology Award; and

WHEREAS, Pam's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Pam has lent her many talents to a number of noteworthy causes and organizations, including serving as a primary Sunday School teacher, a primary school tutor, an office aide, a Balloons and Bluegrass Festival assistant, a graduation usher, an alumni helper, and an annual DECA Car Show props helper, in addition to participating in annual river clean-ups, the Alzheimer's Walk, nursing home visits, youth trips, church plays, and child care; and

WHEREAS, Pam's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tim and Gale Parton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Pam Parton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Ms. Pamela Nicole Parton, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.